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THE GUATEMALAN CONSTITUTIONAL COURT HAS RULED THAT THREE ARMY OFFICERS AND TWO ARMY SPECIALISTS MUST STAND TRIAL FOR THEIR ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN THE MURDER OF GUATEMALAN ANTHROPOLOGIST MYRNA MACK CHANG.

-- THE OFFICERS ARE GENERAL EDGAR AUGUSTO CODOY GAITAN, AND LIEUTENANT COLONELS JUAN GUILLERMO OLIVA CARRERA AND JUAN VALENCIA OSORIO. THE SPECIALISTS ARE JUAN JOSE LARIOS AND JUAN JOSE DEL CID MORALES.

-- ALL WERE WORKING IN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AT THE TIME OF THE 1990 MURDER. SPECIALIST NOEL DE JESUS BETETA ALVAREZ WAS CONVICTED OF THE MURDER, AND IS CURRENTLY SERVING HIS SENTENCE.

-- THE OFFICERS WILL BE THE FIRST MILITARY OFFICIALS TRIED UNDER GUATEMALA'S NEW ORAL PENAL PROCEDURES CODE.

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